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I.

The Faculty of Medicine of this University shall consist of the President, and of the Professors and Lecturers authorized to give instruction to the medical students. This Faculty shall always have a Dean elected by themselves, for such periods as they may think proper, and may also adopt rules for their own government, provided that the same do not, in any respect, contravene the laws of the University.

II.

Students in medicine, designing to attend the Medical Lectures, or any of them, shall be matricu-

lated in this University, by entering their names with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, to be enrolled by him; and by signing an obligation to submit to the laws of the University, and to the direction of the Faculty of Medicine.

### III.

There shall be holden by the Faculty four meetings annually for the purpose of examining candidates for the degree in Doctor of Medicine. Two of these meetings shall be for private and two for public examinations. They shall be holden in the Massachusetts Medical College, unless otherwise specially ordered. They may be continued by adjournment, by vote of the members present; and if only one member attend at the time and place designated, he may adjourn the meeting from day to day till three members of the Faculty may attend the meeting. Three members of the Faculty must be present on every examination.

### IV.

The first meeting for private examinations in every year, shall be holden on the day next ~~preceding~~ <sup>following</sup> that on which the winter courses of Medical Lectures shall terminate, at ten o'clock, A. M. The second



meeting for private examinations shall be holden on the Monday next but one preceding the day of the annual Commencement in the University, at ten o'clock, A. M. In extraordinary cases, the Faculty may hold meetings for private examinations at other periods.

#### V.

The meetings for public examinations shall be holden within one week after the termination of the stated annual meetings for private examinations respectively, on such days as the Faculty may appoint, if not otherwise ordered by the President. These meetings shall be open to the Governors and Inspectors of the University, to the Fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and to such other respectable persons as may wish to attend them.

#### VI.

Every candidate for the Degree of Doctor in Medicine, must comply with the following conditions before being admitted to a private examination, viz:

1. He shall satisfy the Faculty that he has arrived at the age of twenty-one.

2. He shall have attended two courses of the Lectures delivered at the Massachusetts Medical College by each of the Professors.

3. He shall have employed three years in his professional studies under the direction of a regular practitioner of medicine.

4. If he has not received a University education, he shall satisfy the Faculty of Medicine in respect to his knowledge of the Latin language and experimental philosophy.

5. He shall, four weeks previous to the day on which he presents himself for examination, have given notice of his intention to the Dean of the Faculty, and at the same time shall have delivered or transmitted to the Dean, a dissertation written by himself, on some subject connected with medicine.

## VII.

Every dissertation shall be submitted by the Dean to the examination of the Faculty in the mode which they shall point out.

## VIII.

At the meetings for private examinations, the Faculty shall examine all those candidates who shall present themselves, after having complied with the conditions enumerated in the sixth of these statutes, upon the following branches of medical science, viz : Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Midwifery, Surgery, and the Theory and Practice of Medicine. At these meetings every candidate shall be examined separately, and the decision of the Faculty in respect to each shall be made and declared to him immediately after the examination has closed. The decision in respect to each candidate shall be determined by the votes of the major part of the members of the Faculty present at the examination of the same ; and this decision, if favorable to the candidate, shall be recorded by the Dean. In the decisions to be made at these meetings, regard shall be had to the dissertations, as well as to the examinations.

## IX.

Those candidates who have been approved according to the eighth of these statutes, may present themselves at the public examination next ensuing after such approbation. Each candidate so presenting



himself, shall then read and defend, or be examined upon the dissertation, which he shall have previously submitted to the Faculty. At the close of each public examination, the Faculty shall decide in respect to each candidate, whether he shall be recommended as worthy of the degree for which he has applied. The decision of the Faculty in respect to all those candidates whom they do so recommend, shall be recorded by the Dean, and shall by him be certified to the President, to be laid before the Senatus Academicus.

## X.

Those candidates who have received from the Senatus Academicus the final approbation, will be directed by the President to appear at Cambridge at such time as he may appoint, and he will then admit each of them, with the accustomed solemnities, to the degree of Doctor in Medicine.

JOSIAH QUINCY, PRESIDENT.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1831.

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NOTES.

The Lectures for Medical students on the various branches mentioned in the statutes, are delivered at the Massachusetts Medical College in Boston. They commence annually on the third Wednesday in October, and continue four months.



Students attending the Lectures of the Professor of Anatomy and Surgery are admitted to see the Surgical Practice in the Massachusetts General Hospital; and those attending the Lectures of the Professor of the Theory and Practice, are admitted to see the Medical Practice in the same.

The Hollis Professor of Natural Philosophy will admit Medical students to attend the Lectures on Natural and Experimental Philosophy. The Lectures are delivered in the Philosophy Hall at Cambridge, four days in the week, between the middle of March and the middle of July annually. A Medical student applying for admission to these Lectures, must produce, to the Professor abovementioned, a certificate of his matriculation from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and another certificate from the Steward of the University, that he has paid him seven dollars for the Treasurer. Other persons may be admitted to the same Lectures, with the approbation of the President, and producing a certificate from the Steward that they have paid ten dollars.

At the private examinations, the candidates will present their certificates from the Physicians, under whose care they have studied; also their tickets of admission to the several courses of Medical Lectures.

The fee for the degree of Doctor in Medicine is to be paid to the Dean. The fee is twenty-three dollars for a person who has not taken a degree of Bachelor of Arts at any College or University; eighteen dollars for one who has taken the degree of Bachelor; and thirteen for one who has taken the degree of Master of Arts. In these fees the Diploma is included.

## Faculty of Medicine.

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